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TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator.

JOHN H. GORDON.

Clerk.

O. W. LANE.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

F. W. BROWN, JR. W. A. PENNEY. F. K. ROBERTS.

Treasurer.

M. J. DOW.

Supervisor of Schools.

G. B. ROBERTS.

Collector.

ISAAC LEATHERS.

Board of Health.

M. J. DOW. I. G. REYNOLDS. R. G. EDWARDS.

To the Citizens of the Town of Brooks:

The following is our report of the financial operations of the Town for the fiscal year ending February 17, 1894.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1st, 1893.

Real and personal estates.....	\$235,448 00
No. of money polls, 195 at \$2.00.....	390 00
Rate of cash tax, .018	
Amount of appropriations for repair of highway, labor.....	1,500 00
No. of road polls, 217 at \$1.00.....	217 00
Rate of road tax, .006	

APPROPRIATIONS.

For Common Schools.....	\$ 586 20
Free High School.....	150 00
Support of the poor.....	750 00
“ roads and bridges.....	225 00
free text books.....	40 00
contingent expenses.....	400 00
new cemetery.....	125 00
State tax.....	721 11
county tax.....	406 56
interest on town debt.....	1,100 00
overlayings.....	48 02
highway deficiencies.....	166 86
Total commitment.....	\$4,718 75

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Whole number of scholars in town	
Number of school districts, 7.	
Amount of money appropriated by town.....	\$ 586 20
“ “ received from State.....	529 56
“ “ unexpended from last year.....	450 71
Total available for year.....	1,566 47
amount expended.....	1,058 78
Balance school money unexpended.....	\$ 507 69

As the new school law takes effect March 1st, 1894, and all unexpended school money goes to one general fund, we do not report by districts as formerly.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount appropriated by town.....	\$150 00
“ received from State.....	150 00
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Total amount available.....	\$300 00

AMOUNT EXPENDED.

Paid R. C. Higgins for teaching.....	105 00
Horace Marden “.....	145 00
Ada Gibbs, ass't.....	25 00
William O. Jones, board.....	25 00
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	\$300 00

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon.....	\$11 67
American Book Co.....	44 63
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn.....	12 36
Thompson, Brown & Co.....	19 75
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Total amount expended.....	\$88 41
Appropriation.....	40 00
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Deficiency.....	\$48 41

SUPPORT OF POOR.

RUFUS WARD.

Paid Ella E. Springer for support.....	\$94 90
Due “ “ last year.....	49
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“ “ this year.....	59
Paid T. I. Huxford for supplies.....	3 64
“ A. E. Kilgore, medical attendance.....	4 80
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	94 41
Total cost.....	103 44

DANIEL CLARY.

Paid Joseph Ellis for support.....	104 00
“ “ “ “ supplies.....	9 80
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Total cost.....	\$113 80

CLARISSA BUZZELL.

Paid M. C. Evans, for support.....	\$10 00
A. E. Kilgore, M. D., attendance.....	1 00
F. L. Palmer, digging grave.....	4 25
R. H. Coombs, casket and robe.....	17 00
Atherton Bros. for team at funeral.....	3 50
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Total cost.....	\$35 75

EMILY FORBES.	
Paid John Dickey for support.....	\$85 00
Total cost.....	85 00
STEPHEN CURTIS.	
Paid Samuel Foss for support.....	\$10 00
John Batchelder ".....	42 26
Due " " ".....	1 74
Paid A. E. Kilgore, M. D., attendance.....	1 75
T. I. Huxford, supplies.....	6 00
Total cost.....	<u>\$61 75</u>
S. W. REYNOLDS.	
Paid M. I. Asylum for support.....	\$106 92
Due " " ".....	35 75
Total cost.....	<u>\$142 67</u>
CHARLES COOK AND FAMILY.	
Due town of Thorndike (estimated).....	\$10 00
Paid T. I. Huxford for supplies.....	5 90
Total cost.....	<u>\$15 90</u>
HIRAM WEBBER.	
Paid E. G. Hall for support.....	\$24 00
Received from town of Monroe.....	24 00
Total cost.....	<u>00 00</u>
GEORGE BURKE.	
Paid F. W. Brown, Jr., for cash paid out.....	\$2 25
Total cost.....	2 25
ELDEN SPARROW AND FAMILY.	
Paid T. I. Huxford for supplies.....	16 98
" A. E. Kilgore, medical attendance.....	1 50
Total.....	<u>\$18 48</u>
Due from Stockton Springs.....	18 48
Total cost.....	00 00
TRAMPS.	
Paid Wm. Briggs for feeding and lodging.....	7 00
Total cost.....	7 00
CHILDREN OF EZRA ROBERT'S DAUGHTERS.	
Due town of Unity for support, estimated.....	\$35 00
Total cost.....	35 00
Total expense of poor for year.....	<u>\$602 56</u>
Appropriation.....	750 00
Balance unexpended.....	<u>\$147 44</u>

The city of Belfast also presented a bill to us for alleged supplies furnished to Manter Cook and family amounting to \$21.61. We investigated the matter and were satisfied that Brook's was not liable for the bill, so refused to pay it.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Hiram Pattee for use of hall.....	\$	5	00
G. W. Varney for printing town reports.....		16	00
Loring, Short & Harmon, for books, etc.....		11	25
T. I. Huxford for supplies.....		7	05
Isaac Leathers, enforcing dog law,.....		5	00
R. B. Allen for labor in cemetery.....		2	00
A. E. Kilgore, reporting births and deaths.....		4	50
A. W. Rich, " ".....		2	25
O. W. Lane, recording " ".....		6	15
Isaac Leathers, posting warrent for meeting....		1	50
W. P. Thompson, legal services,.....		2	00
C. S. Atheton, for teams.....		8	00
C. E. Bowen, deputy sheriff services.....		2	46
I. G. Reynolds, services for C. C. and cemetery..		4	50
Lorenzo Jones, services as sexton.....		1	75
W. C. Rowe " ".....		8	00
W. H. McClellen, legal services.....		5	00
R. F. Dunton, legal services and disbursements..		24	04
J. H. Gordon, services as moderator.....		2	00
O. W. Lane, services and expenses as town clerk		8	25
W. A. Penney, ser. and expenses as selectman..		32	35
F. K. Roberts, rep. town chairs.....		1	20
F. W. Brown, Jr., rent and fuel selectmen's office		20	00
F. K. Roberts, services as selectman.....		30	94
F. W. Brown, Jr., ser. and expenses as selectman		71	38
M. J. Dow, ser. and expenses as treasurer.....		26	00
F. W. Brown, Jr., writ etc. vs. Monroe.....		5	03
G. B. Roberts, services as supervisor.....		42	55
Isaac Leathers, collector 1893.....		25	00
Due " " " ".....		50	00
Total.....	\$	431	15
Appropriation.....	\$	400	00
Received from Monroe.....		6	26
" " G. D. Otis.....		17	42
		423	68
Deficiency.....	\$	7	47

LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR HIGHWAYS.

Paid Lorenzo Jones hauling and storing road machine	\$	3	50
H. H. Roberts, labor.....		3	00
Enoch Leathers, labor.....		1	40
Henry Reynolds.....		9	30

G. L. Hall for gravel.....	12 25
B. F. Stimpson, running road machine.....	20 00
F. J. Ames, labor.....	3 00
G. W. Page, ".....	3 00
J. W. Grim, ".....	3 00
A. H. Rose ".....	6 00
E. T. Page, ".....	3 50
E. L. Prime, ".....	4 50
Joseph Ellis, bridge plank and labor.....	50 12
A. B. Wentworth for cash paid out.....	3 00
I. G. Reynolds, use of road machine.....	6 00
C. A. Kinney, rep. of road machine.....	8 25
G. B. Lenfest, labor.....	60
A. E. Chase for supplies.....	96
G. B. Briggs for cash paid out.....	9 00
J. R. Irving, blacksmith work.....	5 50
C. H. Roberts, labor.....	1 00
T. I. Huxford for supplies.....	15
Total.....	\$157 03
Appropriation.....	225 00
Balance unexpended.....	\$67 97
NEW CEMETERY.	
Paid I. G. Reynolds for lot.....	\$125 00
M. S. Stiles, surveying and plan.....	11 50
Total.....	136 50
Appropriation.....	125 00
Deficiency.....	\$11 50
REYNOLD'S FARM.	
Paid W. A. Perry, cutting hay.....	\$50 00
Joseph Ellis, lumber and labor on barn.....	5 00
J. M. Clary, repairing fence.....	2 50
Henry Reynolds, repairing fence.....	1 50
R. A. Jones, pressing hay.....	17 28
Total expense.....	76 28
INCOME.	
11½ tons hay.....	\$110 00
Due from I. G. Reynold's pasture.....	15 00
Bal. in favor of town.....	\$125 00
	48 72
DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.	
Paid Joel Work.....	37 00
G. B. Roberts.....	7 50
J. C. Rase.....	25 00

J. M. Dow	42 00
John Gibbs	8 00
Total	\$119 50
Received from State	\$119 50

Total expense..... 00 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

F. G. Ellis, error in dog tax 1892.....	\$ 1 00
James Obrien, tax 1892.....	5 95
H. L. Ellwell, poll and personal tax 1892.....	5 36
Albert Harvey, poll tax 1892.....	2 00
Mary J. Johnson, tax 1892.....	3 90
Rantie Hall, error in highway tax 1892.....	1 00
J. R. Littlefield, error in tax 1893.....	3 80
Joseph Kimball, poll tax 1892.....	2 00
E. C. Boody error in dog tax 1892.....	1 00
Amos Gibbs, dog tax 1892.....	1 00
Jefferson Hobbs, error in dog tax 1892.....	1 00
Llewellyn Stimpson, dog tax 1892.....	1 00
James Grover, error in dog tax 1892.....	1 00
Azubia Webster, tax of 1893.....	1 80
James Obrien, " "	4 40
E. E. Davis, poll tax 1893.....	2 00
Wm. Bucklin, "	2 00
C. L. Austin, bal. tax of 1892.....	6 19
Amrenia Lenfest, dog tax 1892.....	1 00
W. R. Boody, dog tax 1892.....	1 00
Total	\$48 40

INTEREST MONEY PAID.

Paid interest on town bonds.....	\$1,036 00
" " " orders.....	43 00
Due " " "	18 70
Paid " " hired money.....	14 08
	<u>1,111 78</u>
Appropriation.....	1,100 00
	<u>11 78</u>
Deficiency.....	11 78

BILLS PAID CONTRACTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

Paid M. Chase damage to plough 1892.....	7 00
R. M. Hartshorn, labor on highway, 1892.....	7 83
Total	\$14 83

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of common schools.....	\$1,115 76
" High schools.....	300 00
school books.....	88 41
support of poor.....	602 56
contingent expenses.....	431 15
labor and materials on highway.....	157 03
new cemetery.....	136 50
carrying on Reynolds farm.....	76 28
damage to sheep by dogs.....	119 50
abatement of taxes.....	48 40
interest.....	1,111 78
bills contracted previous years.....	14 83
State tax.....	721 11
on county tax.....	200 00
Due " ".....	206 56
Paid for support of paupers of other towns.....	42 48
Due Isaac Leathers, collector 1893.....	50 00
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	\$5,422 35

RECEIPTS.

Received from town, support of common schools....	\$586 20
" " State, " " " 	529 56
" " town " High " 	150 00
" " State " " " 	150 00
" " town support of poor.....	750 00
" " " " roads and bridges.....	225 00
" " " " for contingent expenses.....	400 00
" " " " purchase new cemetery.....	125 00
" " " " text books.....	40 00
" " " " to pay interest.....	1100 00
" " " " State tax.....	721 11
" " " " county tax.....	406 56
" " " " overlayings.....	48 02
" " " " highway deficiencies.....	166 86
" " " " of Monroe.....	31 01
Due " " " of Stockton Springs.....	18 48
Rec. for rebate on insurance policy.....	5 33
Due from I. G. Reynold's rent of Reynold's pasture..	15 00
11½ tons hay on hand.....	110 00
Rec. from George D. Otis, costs.....	17 42
" State for sheep destroyed.....	119 50
" D. Weymouth tax deed, 1890.....	13 11
" W. C. Rowe, use of hearse.....	6 00
" for lot in new cemetery.....	10 00
" from pedlar's licenses.....	12 00
" G. B. Roberts, book sold.....	37

Received from Wm. Cunningham tax deed, 1890.....	\$ 4 89
“ for old hearse.....	5 00
Total receipts.....	5,766 42
Total expenditures.....	5,422 35
Balance unexpended.....	\$344 07

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Cash in the treasury.....	\$ 657 21
Due on tax of 1892.....	65 89
“ “ 1893.....	2,278 74
“ “ 1888.....	69 35
11½ tons of pressed hay.....	110 00
The S. W. Reynolds farm.....	650 00
Due from town of Stockton Springs.....	18 48
“ “ George D. Otis.....	75 00
“ “ I. G. Reynolds.....	15 00
200 shares B. & M. H. R. R. stock, market value....	15,000 00
Cash in sinking fund (so called).....	925 47
Tax deeds and non resident taxes.....	25 00
Total.....	\$19,890 14

LIABILITIES.

Due on town bonds.....	\$25,900 00
“ interest bearing town orders.....	1,374 00
Due interest on interest bearing town orders.....	18 70
Due on out standing town orders.....	76 75
“ county tax.....	206 56
“ school money.....	507 69
Due town of Thorndike estimated.....	10 00
“ “ Unity “.....	35 00
Due H. F. Roberts, collector 1888.....	10 00
Isaac Leathers, collector 1892.....	25 00
“ “ “ 1893.....	50 00
Maine insane hospital.....	35 75
fund to pay town bonds.....	925 47

Total liabilities.....	\$29,174 92
Total resources.....	19 890 14

Net debt.....\$ 9,284 78

Net debt last year.....	10,443 24
“ “ this “.....	9,284 78

Reduction for the year.....\$ 1,158 46

“ of William C. Rowe, sexton, use of hearse	6 00
“ “ Renselear Leathers, for lot in cemetery	10 00
“ “ Otis W Lane, town clerk, dog licenses	97 00
“ “ John H. Quimby, treas., R.R. dividends	568 00
“ for peddlars’ licenses.....	12 00
“ of Geo. L. Beal State treas. pension rebate	96 00
“ “ “ “ “ high school “	150 00
“ “ “ “ “ for sheep killed by dogs.....	119 50
To received of Geo. L. Beal, State treas. for R. R. & Tel. tax 1893.....	104 89
To received of Geo. L. Beal, State treas. for school fund and mill tax.....	529 56
To received of F. W. Brown, Jr., return premiums ins. policy.....	5 33
To received of F. W. Brown, Jr., account S. D. Otis	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ Hiram Web- ber town of Monroe.....	31 01
To received of Geo. B. Roberts, for books.....	37
“ “ Isaac S. Staples, for hearse.....	5 00
“ “ C. E. Bowen, civil officer.....	4 00
“ “ M. J. Dow, int. on \$225 10 sinking fund one year.....	13 50
To received of selectmen int. on June R. R. dividend	11 20
“ “ “ “ “ December “ “	2 88
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	\$6,344 39

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By paid orders of selectmen for current expenses,	\$3,180 48
“ A. A. Small, treas, bal. co. tax, 1892.....	235 35
“ “ “ “ “ 1893.....	200 00
“ Moranda Roberts, State pension.....	96 00
“ John H. Quimby, treas. int. on town bonds,	1,036 00
“ non resident tax bills.....	74 24
“ Geo. L. Beal, State treas. dog license.....	97 00
“ “ “ “ tax.....	721 11
“ advertising non resident taxes.....	8 00
“ interest on town orders.....	43 00
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	\$5,691 18
Total receipts.....	\$6,344 39
“ credits.....	5,691 18
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Balance in treasury.....	\$653 21

Respectfully submitted,

MARCELLUS J. DOW,
Treasurer of Brooks.

Supervisor's Report.

We submit the following report of our management of the schools for the past year.

The following list of books have been purchased:

- 16 copies Kerl's Common School Grammar.
- 17 " Greenleaf's Complete Arithmetic.
- 2 " " Elementary Algebra.
- 20 " Barnes U. S History.
- 8 " Monteith's Physical Geography.
- 1 " Metcalf's Speller.
- 6 " Andrews' Elements of the Constitution.
- 11 " Meserve's Book-keeping.
- 39 " " " " blanks.
- 22 doz. Harper's copy books.

DIST. NO. 1, E. C. BOODY, AGENT.

Both summer and winter terms in this district were taught by Miss Agnes G. Mayo. Miss Mayo has acquired an enviable reputation as a teacher, and we think the interest taken by the scholars and progress made during the year was perfectly satisfactory. Whole number attending in summer 42, average, 36. Whole number attending in winter, 50, average 46.

DIST. NO. 2. I. G. REYNOLDS, AGENT.

The summer term in this district was taught by Miss. Alice M. Ricker, who has taught a number of terms in the district, which is good evidence that her work gives satisfaction. Whole number of scholars registered 16, average 13.

The winter term was under the instruction of Ross C. Higgins, a veteran of 28 terms. We think Mr. Higgins applied his experience to the best advantage, and the school was successful in every way. Whole number of scholars, 16, average number, 14.

DIST. NO. 4. DANIEL W. DICKEY, AGENT.

Miss Edith L. Forbes, taught the summer term. This was Miss Forbes first term. Not being informed as to the time of closing of this school, we did not make but one visit, which was at the beginning of the term. Whole number of scholars registered, 16, average number, 11.

The winter was also the first term as a teacher of Mr. Charles E. Foss. We think Mr. Foss worked hard for the advancement of the scholars, and if there were any who did not attend with profit, it certainly was not the fault of the teacher. Whole number attending, 16, average number, 14.

DIST. NO. 5. J. R. IRVING, AGENT.

Three terms have been held in this district. The spring term was under the instruction of Miss Mabel Rose, this being

her twelfth term as a teacher, in all of which she has given general satisfaction. Whole number of scholars registered, 20, average 18.

The fall term was by Miss Hannah Curtis, who has had years of experience as a teacher. Whole number of scholars attending 24, average number 20.

David P. Curtis taught the winter term. There is a large proportion of small scholars in this school, but some excellent work was done. Whole number of scholars 23, average 18.

DIST. NO. 6. DUMONT DAVIS, AGENT.

The summer term was under the instruction of Miss Florence Merrill. This being her first term, we think she tried to do her duty. Whole number of scholars 9, average 8.

The winter term was by Harry W. Littlefield, under whose instruction the scholars made excellent progress. Whole number of scholars 14, average number 12.

DIST. NO. 7. SETH M. KNOWLTON, AGENT.

Eva D. Roberts taught the summer term. Whole number of scholars attending 6, average 5. Fair progress was made, but we think this school was too small to be profitable.

The winter term was by John C. Lane. Whole number of scholars 13, average number, 9. The scholars seemed to have an interest in their work, and the progress made justified this opinion.

DIST. NO. 8. C. F. FOSS, AGENT.

There was but one term held in this district during the year, which was taught by Albert S. Cole, a student of Colby University. This school was second to none in town in amount and thoroughness of work done. Whole number of scholars registered, 9, average number, 8.

We have supported our usual two terms of Free High School, one in district No. 1, with H. C. Marden as teacher, whole number of scholars, 53, average number, 41.

The other in district No. 2 under the instruction of Ross C. Higgins with Miss Ada Gibbs as assistant. Whole number of scholars registered 56, average attendance 48. These terms were very satisfactory.

With the coming year, we are about to enter upon the town system of managing our schools. It would be my opinion that it would be much better to combine some of them. There are five districts in town in which the total average attendance for the winter was but fifty seven, which is but little more than enough to make one good school. This is certainly a needless waste of money.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. ROBERTS, SUPERVISOR.